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(U) (U) HORN OF AFRICA/GULF OF GUINEA/ SOUTHEAST ASIA: Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly (PAWW) Report for 1 - 7 February 2018

7 February 2018

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1. (U) Horn of Africa - Piracy Events Over the Past Week

(U) Pirate and maritime crime activity in East Africa waters is at a low level. No suspicious events were reported this past week.

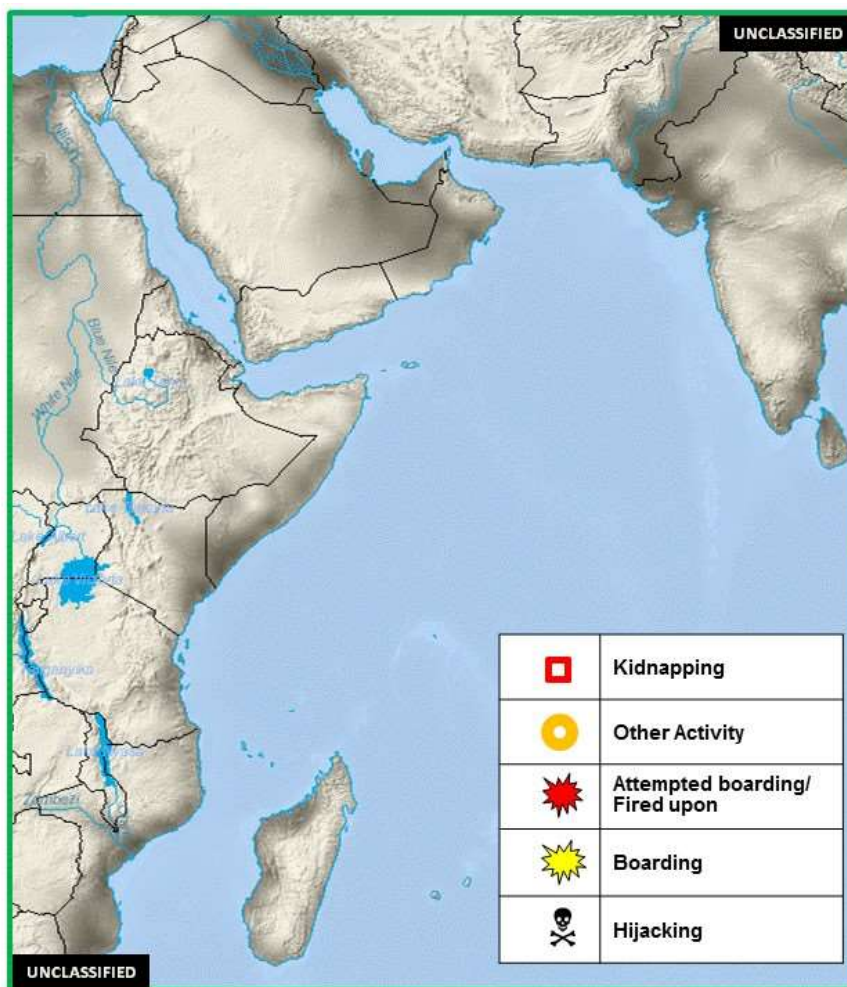
A. (U) Details:

(U) **Vessels Hijacked:** No incidents to report.

(U) **Vessels Boarded:** No incidents to report.

(U) **Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boardings:** No incidents to report.

(U) **Other Activity:** No incidents to report.

B. (U) Incident Disposition:

(U) Figure 1. Horn of Africa Piracy and Maritime Crime Activity, 1 - 7 February 2018

C. (U) Tabulated Data for Horn of Africa Activity

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(U) Table 1.

(U) Summary of Horn of Africa Piracy Events

Vessels	This Week	Last Week	Feb 2018	Jan 2018	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Hijacked	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Boarding	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	2
Total	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	0	2

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(U) Table 1 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years. Note: The above statistics do not include regional dhows/fishing vessels that were hijacked. Hijacked dhows are frequently used as motherships by pirates and released without a ransom being paid.

2. (U) Weather Forecast for 8 - 14 February 2018 and Graphic Aids to 10-Day Weather Conditions and Small Boat Operations Capabilities

(U) Horn of Africa Weather Forecast for 8 - 14 February 2018

A. (U) NORTHERN ARABIAN SEA: Westerly winds of 10 - 15 knots, with seas of 3 - 5 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Westerly winds of 10 - 15 knots, with seas of 3 - 5 feet.

B. (U) GULF OF OMAN: Variable winds of 5 - 10 knots, gusting to 15 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with variable winds of 5 - 10 knots, gusting to 15 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Variable winds of 5 - 10 knots, gusting to 15 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with variable winds of 5 - 10 knots, gusting to 15 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.

C. (U) GULF OF ADEN: East-northeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with east-northeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** East-northeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with east-northeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.

D. (U) SOMALI COAST: Northeast winds of 20 - 25 knots, and seas of 6 - 8 feet in the northern section of the coastline; with northeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet in the southern section of the coastline. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Northeast winds of 15 - 20 knots, and seas of 6 - 8 feet in the northern section of the coastline; with northeast winds of 15 - 20 knots, and seas of 4 - 6 feet in the southern section of the coastline.

E. (U) CENTRAL AFRICAN COAST/INDIAN OCEAN: Northeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Northeast winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet.

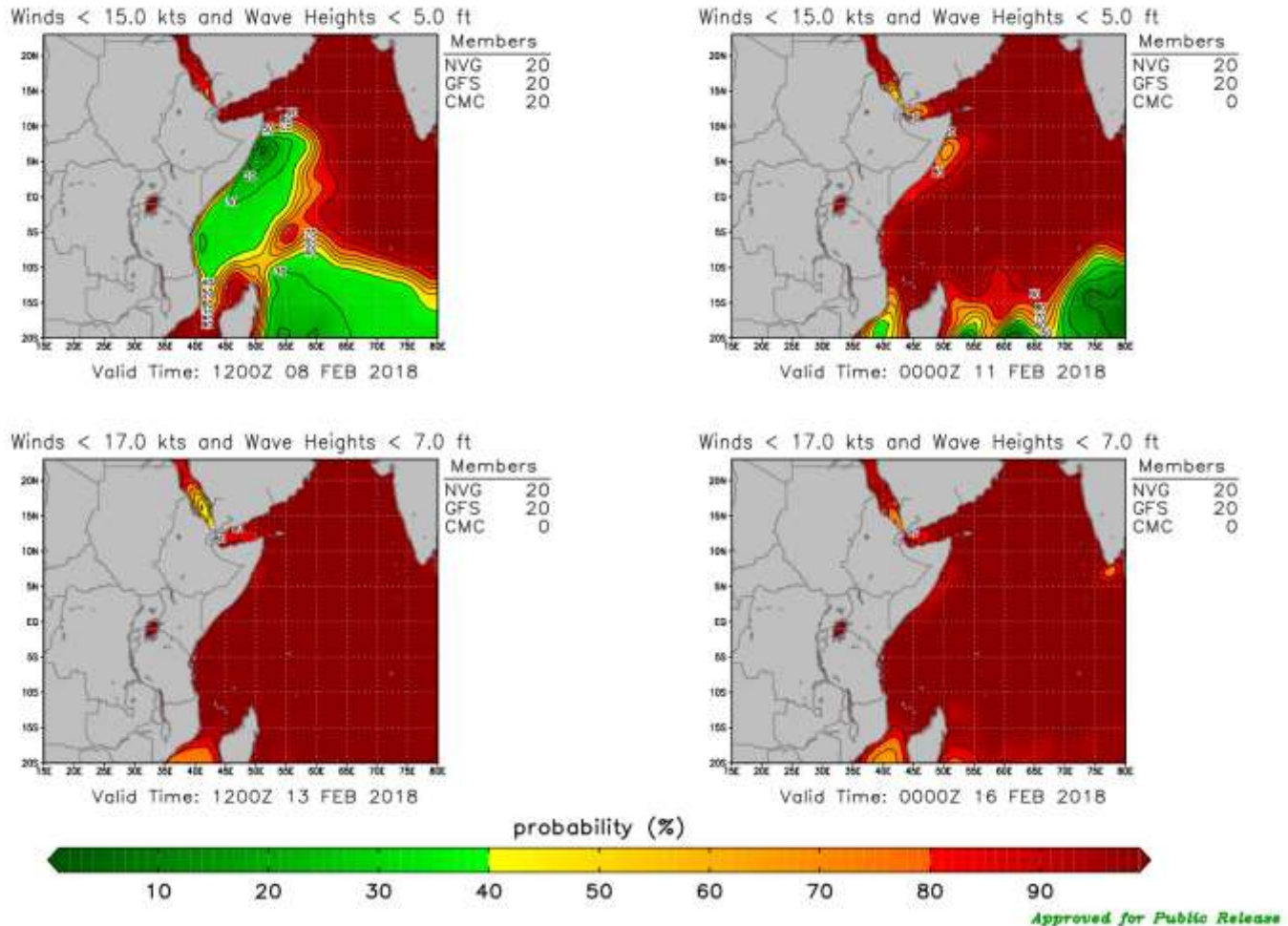
F. (U) MOZAMBIQUE CHANNEL: North-northwest winds of 20 - 25 knots, and seas of 7 - 9 feet in the northern Channel; with southeast winds of 20 - 25 knots, gusting to 30 knots, with seas of 7 - 9 feet in the southern Channel. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Northwest winds of 5 - 10 knots, gusting to 15 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet in the northern Channel; with southeast winds of 20 - 25 knots, and seas 7 - 9 feet in the southern Channel.

G. (U) SURFACE CURRENTS: The northern Arabian Sea and Gulf of Aden currents are variable with most areas having an average speed of 1 knot. The Mozambique Channel currents are variable having an average speed of 2 knots. Currents' speed along the Somali Basin are northeasterly averaging between 2 - 3 knots.

H. (U) SYNOPTIC DISCUSSION: High pressure will dominate the weather pattern over much of the region producing mostly clear skies. Isolated rain showers and thunderstorms can be expected during the forecast as an area of low pressure moves through the region. Expect increased localized wind flow through the Strait of Hormuz due to funneling effects and occasional shamal winds across the Arabian Gulf.

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10-Day Piracy Small Boat Operations Weather Forecast, DTG: 2018020600



(U) Figure 2. Ten-Day Piracy Small Boat Operations Weather Forecast (Graphic courtesy of the Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center, FNMOC)

(U) In the graphic above, green shading represents a reduced likelihood of pirate activity while red represents an increased likelihood of pirate activity.

3. (U) Gulf of Guinea - Piracy Events Over the Past Week

(U) Pirate and maritime crime activity in West Africa waters is at a moderate level. One hijacking, a boarding and a suspicious approach were reported this past week, with no further information available on the boarding event. Late reporting was received on a boarding event from the previous week. Hostages kidnapped last month were released this past week.

A. (U) Details

(U) Vessels Hijacked:

1. (U) BENIN: On 1 February, the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (IMB PRC) received a missing vessel report from the owners of an anchored tanker, MARINE EXPRESS, laden with 13,500 tons of gasoline awaiting berthing instruction in Cotonou. The IMB PRC notified the regional authorities and the international warships in the Gulf of Guinea,

and a search was carried out. The IMB PRC broadcast a message to all ships in the region to look out for the missing tanker. On 6 February, the owners confirmed that the tanker was released. The crew and cargo safe. (IMB; www.fleetmon.com; www.gcaptain.com; www.splash247.com)

(U) Kidnapping:

1. (U) NIGERIA: On 2 February, it was announced that the five staff of an oil company who were kidnapped at Ajoki community near Koko, Warri North Local Government Area of Delta State, were freed after spending 19 days in captivity. The workers were kidnapped on 17 January by a gang of gunmen operating in the area. (www.vanguardngr.com)

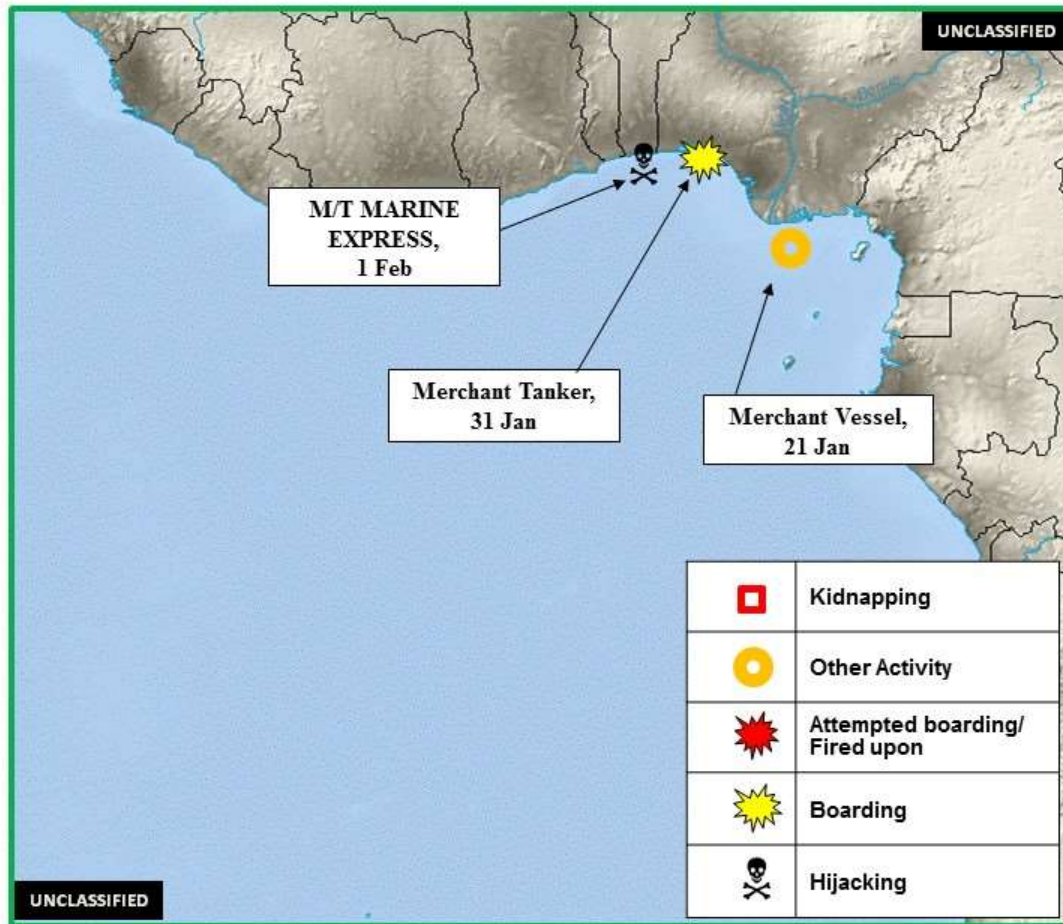
(U) Vessels Boarded:

1. (U) NIGERIA: On 31 January, duty crewman on routine rounds onboard an anchored product tanker in Lagos Anchorage saw two small boats tied up to the anchor chain and one robber on the forecastle deck. Duty officer on bridge was notified and the alarm was raised and fog horn sounded. Seeing the alerted crew, the robber escaped. Nigerian Navy patrol boat notified. The patrol boat arrived and searched the waters around the tanker. Crew searched the tanker. Nothing reported stolen. (IMB)

(U) Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding/Attack: No incidents to report.

(U) Other Activity:

1. (U) NIGERIA: On 7 February a vessel underway to Lagos, was approached by one skiff near position 03:28N - 006:56E, 52 nm south of Bonny. Skiff appeared on the starboard side with 8 persons onboard at 4.5 nm with a CPA less than 1 nm before it increased its speed to 22 kts. Armed security team onboard the vessel was alerted and ready to reply. The skiff then reduced speed and escaped. Vessel is safe. (MDAT-GOG)

B. (U) Incident Disposition

(U) Figure 3. Gulf of Guinea Piracy and Maritime Crime Activity, 1 - 7 February 2018

C. (U) Tabulated Data for Gulf of Guinea Activity

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(U) Table 2.									
(U) Summary of Gulf of Guinea Piracy Events*									
Vessels	This Week	Last Week	Feb 2018	Jan 2018	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Hijacked	1	0	1	1	2	2	3	2	9
Boarding	1	2	1	9	10	46	39	29	33
Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding	0	0	0	2	2	26	54	41	32
Kidnapping	0	0	0	2	2	25	26	22	26
Total	2	2	2	14	16	99	122	94	100
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(U) Table 2 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years. * Militant activity is no longer listed in this table.

4. (U) Gulf of Guinea Weather Forecast for 8 - 14 February 2018

A. (U) GULF OF GUINEA: Southwest winds of 5 - 10 knots, gusting to 15 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Southwest winds of 5 - 10 knots, gusting to 15 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet.

B. (U) SYNOPTIC DISCUSSION: High pressure continues to dominate the weather in the region producing relatively light winds across the Somali Basin. Isolated thunderstorms and rain showers can be routinely expected along the Somali and West Africa coasts with increased southerly wind flow through the Bab el Mandeb Strait due to funneling effects.

5. (U) Southeast Asia - Piracy Events Over the Past Week

(U) Pirate and maritime crime activity in Southeast Asia waters is at a low level. No maritime crime events were reported this past week. Late reporting was received on a boarding event from the previous month.

A. (U) Details

(U) Vessels Hijacked: No incidents to report.

(U) Kidnapping: No incidents to report.

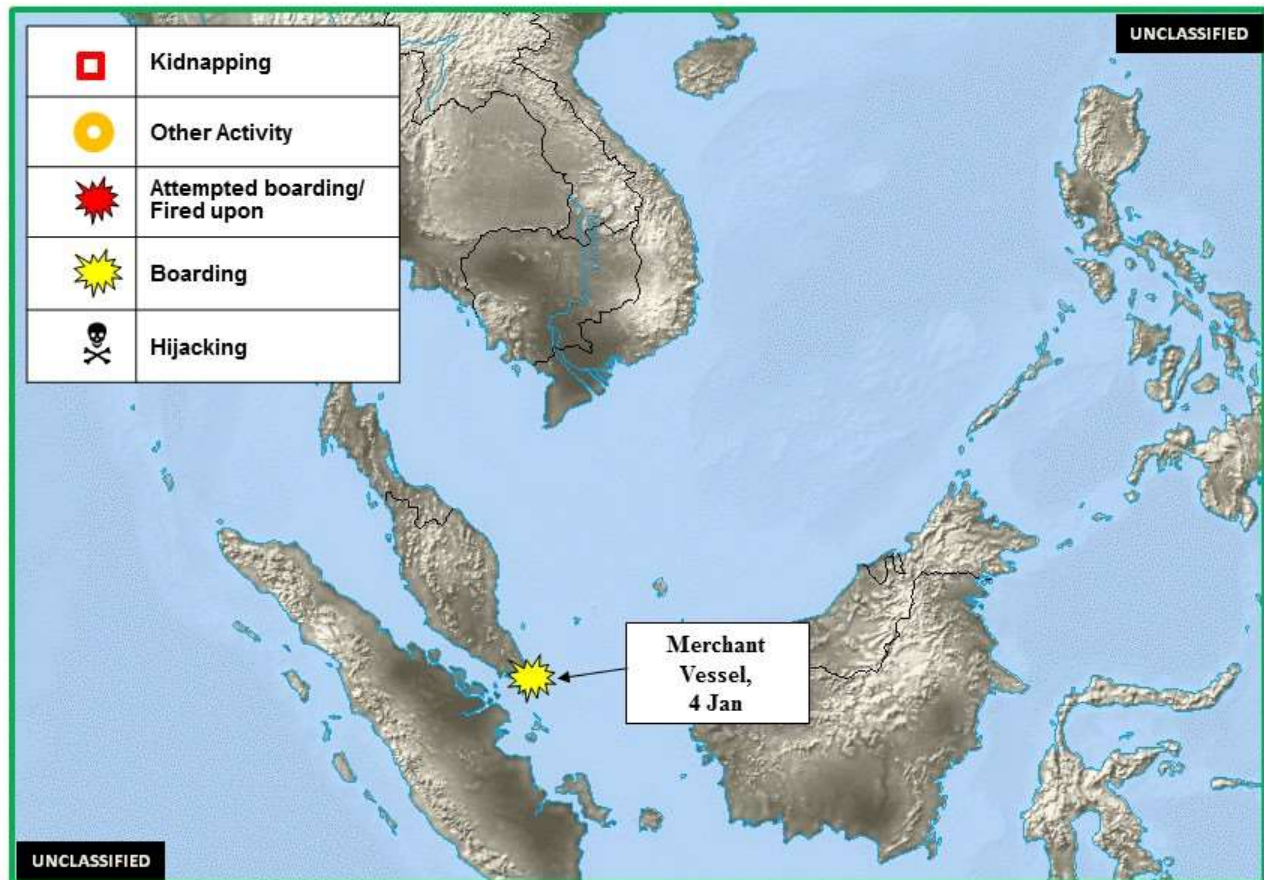
(U) Vessels Boarded:

1. (U) INDONESIA: On 4 January, while at anchor near position 01:33N - 104:47E, 22 nm north-northeast of Tanjung Berakit, Pulau Bintan, a duty watch keeper spotted five robbers boarding the vessel from the stern. Alarm raised and crew proceeded to the citadel. Later, a search was carried out and no robbers were found onboard. Nothing reported stolen. (IMB)

(U) Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding/Attack: No incidents to report.

(U) Other Activity: No incidents to report.

B. (U) Incident Disposition



(U) Figure 4. Southeast Asia Piracy and Maritime Crime Activity, 1 - 7 February 2018

C. (U) Tabulated Data for Southeast Asia Activity

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(U) Table 3.									
(U) Summary of Southeast Asia Piracy Events									
Vessels	This Week	Last Week	Feb 2018	Jan 2018	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Attacks, Boardings, Attempted Boardings	0	3	0	11	11	90	96	238	177
Hijackings	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	16	16
Kidnappings	0	0	0	0	0	4	19	0	4
Total	0	3	0	11	11	97	117	254	197
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(U) Table 3 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years. This table includes incidents not described in this product line.

6. (U) Southeast Asia Weather Forecast for 8 - 14 February 2018

A. (U) Southern South China Sea: Northeast winds of 15 - 20 knots, and seas of 4 - 6 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Northeast winds of 20 - 25 knots, and seas of 7 - 9 feet.

B. (U) Malacca Strait: Variable winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 1 - 2 feet in the northern Strait; with variable winds of 5 - 10 knots, gusting to 15 knots, and seas of 1 - 2 feet in the southern Strait. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Northwest winds of 5 - 10 knots, gusting to 15 knots, and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the northern Strait; with northwest winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 1 - 2 feet in the southern Strait.

C. (U) Andaman Sea: Northerly winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet in the northern section; with northerly winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the southern section. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Easterly winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 3 - 5 feet in the northern section; with easterly winds of 10 - 15 knots, and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the southern section.

D. (U) Southern Sulu Sea - Northern Celebes Sea: Variable winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 1 - 2 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Variable winds of 5 - 10 knots, and seas of 1 - 2 feet.

E. (U) SURFACE CURRENTS: Currents in the southern South China Sea, Malacca Strait, and Andaman Sea are generally less than 1 knot with a few areas in the southern South China Sea averaging 1 knot.

F. (U) SYNOPTIC DISCUSSION: An area of low pressure moving off of China will produce slightly increased wind flow in the South China Sea. Expect strong gusts in and around scattered thunderstorms, throughout the Malacca Strait and the Andaman Sea due to funneling effects and daytime heating.

(U) Appendix**(U) Terminology and References**

(U) This appendix is provided to promote consistent use of accurate terms of reference in reporting, and it also identifies those references that were used to gather the information contained in this report. Please note that these terms relate to observable activity, are independent of target vessel status, and exclude actions by governmental powers in lawful pursuit of their authorities.

(U) Terms of Reference

(U) The following terms have been adopted to describe the range of criminal anti-shipping activity and impediments to safe navigation in our worldwide reporting and analysis:

(U) Attempted Boarding – Close approach or hull-to-hull contact with report that boarding paraphernalia were employed or visible in the approaching boat.

(U) Blocking – Hampering safe navigation, docking, or undocking of a vessel as a means of protest.

(U) Boarding – Unauthorized boarding of a vessel by persons not part of its complement without successfully taking control of the vessel.

(U) Fired Upon – Weapons discharged at or toward a vessel.

(U) Hijacking – Unauthorized seizure and retention of a vessel by persons not part of its complement.

(U) Kidnapping – Unauthorized forcible removal of persons belonging to the vessel from it.

(U) Robbery – Theft from a vessel or from persons aboard the vessel.

(U) Suspicious Approach – All other unexplained activity in close proximity by an unknown vessel.

(U) Piracy Levels

- (U) High: 5 or more piracy incidents in this one-week period.
- (U) Moderate: 2–4 piracy incidents in this one-week period.
- (U) Low: 0–1 piracy incidents in this one-week period.

(U) Sourcing

(U) Information contained in this report is derived through direct reporting and analysis of reports from the following agencies and commercial sources:

- Agence France Presse (AFP)
- Associated Press (AP)
- BBC News
- EU Naval Forces (EU)
- International Maritime Bureau (IMB), London and Kuala Lumpur
- International Maritime Organization (IMO), London
- LSS-SAPU.com (LSS)

- Maritime Administration (MARAD), U.S.
- Maritime Security Centre - Horn of Africa (MSCHOA)
- Marine Domain Awareness for Trade - Gulf of Guinea (MDAT- GoG)
- National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), Navigation Safety System
- Noonsite.com (Noonsite), website
- Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC)
- Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia, Information Sharing Center (ReCAAP ISC)
- Reuters
- Royal Australian Navy (RAN)
- Royal New Zealand Navy (RNZN)
- The Maritime Executive (website)
- United Kingdom Maritime Trade Organization (UKMTO)
- United Press International (UPI)
- U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)

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